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April 28, 2009

Charles Hoppin, Chair and Hearing Officer Arthur Baggett, Jr., Hearing Officer State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 14th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Consolidated Places of Use Petition – Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Hoppin and Mr. Baggett,

Please find enclosed the Notice of Exemption (NOE) that was filed on April 27, 2009, for the Consolidated Places of Use Petition (Petition). Also enclosed is the Application for Secretarial Determination Regarding Drought Emergency Project (Application), seeking concurrence from the Secretary for Natural Resources and the Secretary for the Environmental Protection Agency that the Petition is consistent with the Governor's Proclamation and is being taken to mitigate or respond to the drought emergency.

This letter, the NOE, the Application, and the documents cited in the Application have been sent to parties of this hearing.

Please contact me at (916) 653-8826 or esoderlu@water.ca.gov, if you have any questions or require additional information.

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Attachments